

Aigburth High SCHOOL

Christmas Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another Christmas holiday has almost arrived and I am sure that you like all of Aigburth Staff and pupils are looking forward to a rest and some festive fun. This term seems to have passed in no time at all and I would like to thank you for all the wonderful support you have given us as we work to make our school even better.

Next term will be a very busy one, with lots of activities already planned and of course a great deal of work to be done especially by our Year 11 pupils who will be completing exam coursework and beginning to sit their final exams wishing you all the joys of Christmas.

Achievements this term - Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Aigburth High is now an accredited centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This means that our pupils will be able to access this prestigious Award.

Young Lord Mayor

Katie Daley, one of our sixth form students has proudly represented our city as one of the Young Lord Mayor for Liverpool 2013-14,. Well done Katie

Library Links

This term our Year 7 group has established a wonderful link with Childwall Library. This is part of our whole-school drive to raise the profile of literacy and to encourage reading for pleasure. They have represented our school beautifully. Thank you Year 7.

Theatre Group Performance

In November we all enjoyed a performance of Filacavity Hotel by the Kinetic Theatre Group. This Science based group helped our pupils (and staff!) learn about healthy teeth and bones.

School Christmas Performance

On 17th December our school performance of Mary Poppins took place to great popular acclaim and applause. It was an amazing show and we were privileged to have Mr. Gary Miller, Liverpool Lord Mayor as our guest. He had a wonderful time and has 'tweeted' how proud he feels to represent such fantastic young people. Great job everyone!

Fundraising

This term pupils have made outstanding fund raising efforts for [Macmillan Cancer Research](#) and raised £225 at a coffee afternoon on 27th September. This was co-ordinated by our sixth form. We all had a lovely afternoon.

[Children in Need](#) - £350 was raised through sponsored jobs, sales of wristbands and key fobs, an own clothes day. Sale of cakes and a

Bush Tucker Trial . This was a fantastic effort by everyone.

[Oliver King Foundation](#) - £250 was raised through own clothes day, toast and a cake sale and our Christmas Raffle.

[Support our Soldiers](#) - Sixth Form organised a collection of special treats to be sent to our troops at Christmas.

Sports

This has been a successful term in terms of sporting Achievements for the PE Students at Aigburth High School.

In swimming we now have over 70% of students in Key stage 3 who can all swim over 25 metres.

The Football team has had some real success this term. Out of the 6 games played we have won 4 and lost 2. In our last game we beat Claire Mount School 11-1 with year 11, Edward Burnside netting the ball 8 times.

We are also continuing with our successful Junior Sports Leaders Award(JSLA) this year we have 12 students who will gain the award. Some of the sports they have already taken part in are Swimming, Basketball, Rugby and Football. In 2014 they will all be aiming to achieve Coaching Awards in Kayaking, Rugby, Football Level 1, Basketball, Rookie Life Guard Award.

Polite Reminders

Information update.

If your address or contact telephone numbers have changed, please let the school office know on 0151-427-1863. It is important that we are able contact parents/carers in an emergency.

Drinks in School

Please remember , fizzy, sugary or energy drinks (such as Lucozade, Red Bull) are

not healthy and are NOT allowed in school. Pupils are encouraged to bring plain bottled water if they need a drink in class and water is available at all times.

Medication

Pupils who take regular prescribed medication should wherever possible, take this at home before school. If any pupil needs temporary medication, school must have a letter from home and it must be clearly labelled so that we know what we are giving.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. If they are brought into school they MUST be handed into the office to be kept securely. School has plenty of phones should any calls need to be made. Use of mobiles is a safeguarding matter and we take this VERY seriously.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear sweatshirts, white shirt, black trousers/skirt, black shorts and trainers. Jewellery should not be worn.

We are expecting cold wintry weather after the holiday. Pupils should wear a sweatshirt or jumper and coat each day.

Attendance

After the holiday we will be having a drive to improve pupils attendance. Whilst the majority of our pupils are

punctual and attend school very regularly, education is suffering due to poor attendance. From January, parents of any pupil who is absent without school being informed, will be contacted by text to ensure their child is absent with good reason. Parents/carers of persistent poor attendances will be offered support by Mrs Williams and our Educational Welfare officer. Poor attendance means poor progress and this is something we should all be concerned about.

Have a Wonderful Christmas everyone and we will see you in the New Year.

School re-opens 8.45 a.m. on 7th January 2014

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